(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of measures contemplated by Government for the revival of those sick industrial units?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) As per information furnished by the Government of Rajasthan, the closure of the first unit of J.K. Industries in Kota District of Rajasthan has not led to industrial sickness in other small industrial units of the same district.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Sickness in industries is attributed various reasons such as financial stringency, shortage of raw material and power as well as lack of demand for products. The Government has taken various measures for the revival of sick industrial units which *inter alia,* include guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India to Banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units, and setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, etc.

Impact of curb on FDI from certain countries

1873. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to put curbs on FDI from certain countries;

(b) if so, the reasons and the details thereof;

(c) the likely impact of this decision on current automatic routes and existing projects being executed by FDIs from those countries; and

(d) the alternative measures being taken to meet the requirement of foreign investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Citizens or entities, whether incorporated or not, of Pakistan and Bangladesh, and citizens of Sri Lanka are prohibited to make Foreign Direct Investment (f^pi) in terms of Regulation 5(1) of Foreign Exchange

Management (Transfer of Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside

India) Regulations, 2000 (Notification 20/2000-RB dated 3.5.2000). As per the present policy, no other country/region attracts such specific restrictions. All proposals to the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) are considered after necessary inter-ministerial consultations taking into account the sectoral policy and regulations as also strategic or defence related factors. In order to catalyse FDI, Government is making continuous efforts to make India an attractive destination for FDI in the region by providing an internationally competitive environment in terms of policy, procedures and institutions. The Government has also permitted access through the automatic route for FDI upto 100% in most sectors.

Conference on Combating Counterfeiting Strategy and Practice

1874. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of increase in the menace of counterfeiting, the various sectors of industry have demanded high priority to issue of intellectual property rights;

(b) if so, whether a Conference on Combating Counterfeiting Strategy and Practice was held at New Delhi recently;

(c) if so, the details of participants in the conference and outcome of the discussions held in the conference; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check such menace of counterfeiting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) In a Conference on "Combating counterfeiting"; organized at New Delhi from 21-22 January, 2003 by the Confederation of Indian Industry (Cll) in collaboration with the International Anti Counterfeiting Coalition (IACC), USA, various sectors of industry expressed concern over the menace of counterfeiting and its impact on the economy.

(c) Key people from the corporate sector, enforcement agencies Government, brand managers, R and D specialists, patent experts, policy makers participated in the Conference. The Conference highlighted issues involved in tackling counterfeiting both at policy and enforcement